

Vestry Meeting Notes

August 24, 2010

Attending: Ken Swanson, Interim Rector, Rev. Anne Elizabeth Swiedler, Associate Rector, Bonnie Underwood, Sr. Warden, Lisa Puckett, Jim Wilson, Thomas Nolfa, Del Reichert, Betsy Harvey, Cathy Jones, Sally Goldberg, Dave Wallace, Amanda Scott, Clerk, Gail Greene, secretary.

Absent: Mike Tompros, Charles McMillan

Opening prayer by Ken at 7pm.

Rector Update

Stewardship report – Thomas gave update on activities to date as well as planned activities for planned giving. St. David's currently has about 1500 parishioners.

Green Guild

St. Aidan's Guild (Evangelism and Church growth) – will ask parishioners to invite 3 non-churched friends to church. Bishop Alden Hathaway has been invited to come preach and participate in stewardship.

Staffing and website – changes in process

Ecumenical Opportunity – Rabbi Green of Roswell has invited us, RUMC, First Baptist church and First Presbyterian Church to participate in an effort to learn more about each other and interact with each other. 5 dates have been established, a group will visit each congregation with the expectation for getting to know each other and learning more about how we all worship.

Sr. Warden Update

Committee chairs – Vestry members will no longer chair committees to avoid perceived vestry/leadership conflict. It also spreads leadership opportunities among a broader group of parishioners. It allows Vestry to be in a servant role rather than management role. This practice began under Fr. Paul's leadership and is affirmed by the vestry. Changes will take place in January, to avoid any disruption with the ministry assignments for the remainder of this calendar year. Resolution: Be it resolved that vestry members will not also serve as committee chairs during their term on vestry. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

Diocesan commitment 2011: submitted to Diocese. Awaiting word back.

St. David's Bylaws – Feedback being solicited from parishioners by September 12th. Vote will be taken at September Vestry meeting by ballot.

Finance Committee – First meeting held. Gary Dunsmore is chair of committee. Del and Dave are vestry representatives. Marilyn Hedrick, Vicki Connolley, and Jim Landers, Treasurer are also part of committee.

Vestry titles: For clarity, the elected member of the vestry is the "clerk" and the volunteer note-taker is the "secretary". The clerk is a member of the executive committee. Bylaws will be updated to align with St David's titles.

Ministry Fair this Sunday. Vestry reminded to attend.

Fall Timetable:

Vestry nominations – nominations due Oct 3, 10. The "middle group" of the Vestry is responsible for submitting names. Elections are in November. Bylaws indicate eligibility of individuals to vote. Criteria will be communicated in the

Illumination, VPOD announcements. Betsy suggested parishioners look themselves up in ACS to determine if they meet the criteria. Every member canvas packet can include information about eligibility.

Criteria to vote includes:

Confirmed in the Episcopal Church*, 16 or older, regular attendance at worship, financial contribution.

Review of those who meet criteria to be done by Amanda, Cathy and Lisa.

*The relationship with the Lutheran Church allows for membership by a letter of transfer.

Work Party – Bonnie is asking for help for Charles for the work party scheduled for Oct 23rd. Cathy offered to coordinate this event.

Building Grounds Committee – Roger Mathis and Reid Puckett have offered to participate. Jim Wilson has offered to coordinate the effort to kick off the committee. Former Jr Warden Teddi McIntosh should be contacted, as well as Tim Georges. Charles McMillan will be part of the committee.

Committee Updates:

Search Committee Update – Profile

Amanda made the motion to accept the current Parish profile. Seconded by Del. Approved unanimously after discussion.

Vestry liaison reports submitted via email. Betsy asked that liaison reports be submitted earlier. Agreement by Vestry that reports will be distributed no later than Monday night prior to allow members to read them before the Tues meeting.

Jobs Ministry

Del – Has not yet been able to reach parishioner interested in started this ministry. Ken will reach out to the parishioner.

New Business:

Gail asking that the Walk to Camino mileage reporting cards put into the offering plates be put in her mailbox at the end of the services by the VPOD.

Vestry members must complete a form indicating they understand the Diocesan policies regarding “Safe Guarding our Children” course requirements. The course is available either on line or as a class. Signed compliance forms provided by those Vestry members in attendance.

Suzy McCall is coming in September for Spiritual Retreat and DOK event. Amanda encouraged everyone to attend the spiritual retreat.

Dave invited everyone to look at the “old” Parish Hall. It’s beautiful. Thanks to DOK for doing a wonderful job. Dave asked if that space should be named. Bonnie says she is going to ask the new Building Committee to suggest a name to the Vestry.

Lisa – is looking for a name of someone to head the Welcoming Committee. Please send ideas to her.

Thomas – moved for adjourned at 8:20 after unanimous agreement.

Annual meeting is scheduled for Dec 12.